Commercial losses in power sector

†3906. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that commercial losses in State power sector is on continuous increase from the year 2004-05 till 2006-07;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the commercial losses during the each year of the said period;

(c) whether efforts for improving distribution system in power producing units in State power sector have been made during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the additional amount invested therein?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) As per the information compiled by Power Finance Corporation (PFC) upto the year 2004-05, the overall commercial losses (without subsidy) of the State Power Utilities are as under:-

Year	Commercial Losses (Rs. in crores)
2001-02	28,821
2002-03	21,193
2003-04	19,722
2004-05	22,129

(c) and (d) Government has launched Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) in the year 2002-03 in order to reduce Aggregate Technical and Commercial (AT&C) losses, improving quality of supply of power, increasing revenue collection and improving consumer satisfaction. The said programme has two components *viz.* (i) investment component, and (ii) incentive component. Under investment component, funds are released as Additional Central Plan Assistance to the States for strengthening and upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution system. Under the incentive component of APDRP, 50% of the actual cash loss reduction effected is given as grant

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to such Utilities that reduce cash losses over the base year of 2000-01. The Government has sanctioned 583 projects amounting to Rs. 19180.46 crores under investment component of APDRP so far, out of which APDRP component is Rs. 9264.65 crores and the Government has already released an amount of Rs. 6131.70 crores under this component of programme. An aggregate amount of 1536.64 crore has been released as incentive to eight States under incentive component of APDRP.

Survey of Dhauliganga Phase-II and Gauriganga Phase-I by NHPC

†3907. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NHPC has decided to survey the Dhauliganga Phase-II and Gauriganga Phase-I; and

(b) if so, by when the survey work of these projects is likely to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) has arleady completed the Survey and Investigation (S&I) at the site of the project by the name of Dhauliganga-Intermediate Stage Hydroelectric Project (HEP) (210 MW) (not Dhauliganga Phase-II) and has submitted the Detailed Project Report (DPR) to Central Electricity Authority (CEA). NHPC had also carried out the S&I of Gauriganga Stage-I HEP (60MW) and submitted the Feasibility Report to CEA.

Signing of MoUs for setting-up new power plants

3908. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many MoUs have been signed between State Governments and private sector to set up power plants in private and joint sector during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof such as capacity of each project, location, date of completion, feeder areas, cost of project, profit sharing, etc.;

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